

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1034

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A RESOLUTION to commemorate the dedication of the SP4
William Gene Hargrove Memorial Bridge.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those valorous individuals from Tennessee who gallantly served in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, one such beloved son of Tennessee was William Eugene Hargrove, Specialist 4, of the United States Army, who lost his life following a traumatic event while courageously serving his country during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, SP4 Gene Hargrove was born on September 13, 1947, in Maury County and grew up in the Pottsville community; and

WHEREAS, he began his tour of service in the Vietnam War on April 17, 1967, and earned the rank of Specialist 4; his Military Occupations Specialty was Light Weapons Infantry, and he was attached to the 25th Infantry Division, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry, A Company; and

WHEREAS, SP4 Hargrove was awarded a number of medals, ribbons, and commendations for his service to our country, including the Gold Star, the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Marksmanship Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Army Presidential Unit Citation, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and the Army Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, SP4 Gene Hargrove lost his life in the Tay Ninh province of South Vietnam on September 5, 1967; and

WHEREAS, he is honored on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., by an inscription of his name on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall on Panel 25e, Line 114; and

WHEREAS, at the request of SP4 Gene Hargrove's comrade-in-arms and childhood friend Danny Blalock, the legislature, by means of Senate Bill 1668/House Bill 1654 of the 112th General Assembly, has designated the bridge (Bridge No. 60SR0990031) on State Route 99 (Bear Creek Pike) spanning Flat Creek in Maury County as the "SP4 William Gene Hargrove Memorial Bridge" to honor this dedicated resident of Maury County; and

WHEREAS, the bridge is located near the home of SP4 Hargrove's sister, Regina Gilliam, in the Pottsville area and spans the section of Flat Creek where Gene Hargrove swam as a youth with his buddy Danny Blalock; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pay respectful tribute to the memory of this fallen American hero, who gave his last full measure of devotion in defense of our great nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of William Eugene Hargrove, Specialist 4, on the dedication of the "SP4 William Gene Hargrove Memorial Bridge" in Maury County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.